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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Kenta KUBOTA  
Title: PRECEDING-VEHICLE  
FOLLOWING CONTROL  
SYSTEM  
Appl. No.: 10/659,376  
Filing Date: 09/11/2003  
Examiner: Tuan C. TO  
Art Unit: 3663  
Confirmation 4854  
Number:

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW STATEMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the telephone interviews held on December 04, 05 and 06 of 2006.

**Interviews of December 04, 05 and 06, 2006**

Examiner To telephoned Applicant's representative on December 04, 2006, to request authorization to cancel the withdrawn claims. Applicant's representative asserted to no avail that at least some of the claims should be rejoined. Applicant's representative left a telephone message with Examiner To on December 05, 2006, to authorize the cancellation of the

withdrawn claims, and contacted him directly on December 06, 2006, to verify that the claims would be cancelled and that the case would be allowed.

In view of the interviews held on December 04, 05 and 06, 2006, Applicants submit that the above provides a complete and proper recordation of the substance of the interview, per MPEP §713.04.

### **Conclusion**

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

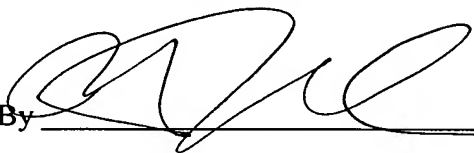
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner To is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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